ENCLOSURE TO THE BUREAU:

L-Card used for indexing of Communists in Los Angeles Office

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO Director, FBI

DATE: November 4, 1949

SAC, Los Angeles SECURIT SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INDEX

> Reference is made to the SAC letter number 97, series 1949, dated October 19, 1949, and particularly to the portion pertaining to the instructions concerning the Communist Index.

Transmitted herewith is a form of the Communist Index card being utilized by this office. It will be noted that this card provides for recording · (where available) the various items of information set out on pages 8 and 9 of SAC letter number 97, and also provides for recording certain other items. These additional items are the date and place of birth of the subject, the number of years he has been in the Party whether he is the subject of a Security Index card and whether a photograph is available. The date on which the communist Index card is made up is also entered on the card.

It is believed that these additional items of information further the purposes for which the Index was set up. They provide additional identification of value, particularly in instances in which the subject bears a fairly ommon name. The inclusion of such information also furnishes to Agents, in aking daily use of the Index, a quick summary from which they can estimate the potential danger to the national security represented by the subject. It is, therefore, requested that the Bureau authorize the placing of such additional information on the Communist Index cards.

It is noted that the attached form provides a space for entering the union affiliation of the subject. When the Indexwas first set up it was felt that this information would be helpful but it has subsequently been determined otherwise and no entry is being made on the cards now being prepared

It is further noted that the card provides for indicating whether the () subject's affiliation is with the Communist Party, the Socialist Workers Party or the Workers Party. It is believed that these embrace the ideological groups meant by the paragraph numbered two on page 8 of SAC letter number 97.

Accordingly, unless advised to the contrary, the Index will not be expanded to include persons affiliated with such groups as Labor Youth League Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, International Workers Order and the like, although the association between these groups and the Communist Party is a close one!

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COMMUNIST INDEX

Reurlet dated November 4, 1949.

It is noted that you furnished with referenced letter a copy of the form used by your office for the preparation of Communist Index cards. This form calls for some additional information above and beyond that which the Bureau requires. These items will be discussed below severetely.

(1) Date and place of birth.

The Bureau has no objection to your including this data on the Communist Index card if it is available at the time the card is prepared. However, the Bureau does not desire that you make an effort to include this data at a subsequent date if the data is not available at the time the card is prepared. No project of any kind should be undertaken to keep this data in a current status.

(2) Humber of years the subject has been in the Party.

The Bureau has no objection to the inclusion of this data inaszuch as this definitely would come within the scope of Part (h), paragraph (3), under Communist Index, SAC Letter No. 97, Series 1949. If this figure is used, of course, it will be pertinent to include the date on which the Communist Index card is made.

(3) Thether the subject is also the subject of a Security Index card.

You must realize, of course, that the maintenance of a Security Index card on a particular individual is subject to change and, to that extent, if such data is posted on all Communist Index cards, the Communist index can become outdated. The Bureau does not desire that any agent or clerical time be expended in an effort to keep the information or Communist Index cards in a current status. Since the information appearing on the Index is not to be kept in a current status, the information appearing therein would, of course, not be authoritative and should not be relied upon to determine whether or not any particular individual is the subject of a Security Index card.

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Obviously, if you desire to obtain such information you should go directly to the Security Index. The Communist Index should serve as a quick ready reference to the file and the file itself should be the authoritative source for any information concerning the individual. Accordingly, the Bureau does not desire that you put on the Communist Index card information as to the subject being the subject of a Security Index card.

(4) Whether or not a photograph is available.

The Bureau does not desire that you post this information to the Communist Index card for the same reason that the cards are not to be kept in an up-to-date or current status and, therefore, the information cannot be relied upon as an authoritative source.

(5) The Date on which the Communist Index card is prepared.

The Bureau has no objection to your inclusion of this data if it serves a day to day purpose.

(6) Union affiliation.

This data should not be included and it is noted that you have discontinued the inclusion of such information.

(7) Indication as to specific Party affiliation, i.e., Communist Party, Socialist Workers Party, Workers Party, etc.

The Eureau has no objection to the inclusion of this data if it is available at the time the card is prepared. These organisations are, of course, the organisations the Bureau had in mind when discussing the "Communist Farty or similar ideological groups." The designation of the particular organisation with which the individual is affiliated would, of course, be an elementary portion of the data to be included under Part (c), paragraph (3) under Communist Endex, SAC Letter No. 97, Series 1949.

(8) Individuals affiliated with Communist front groups or infiltrated organisations should be included in the Index only if they satisfy the requirements of Part III of "individuals to be included" under the Communist Index of SAC Letter No. 97, Series 1949.

Obviously the Bureau is in no position to make a general statement as to whether all these individuals should be included or excluded and the matter is one requiring a determination to be made

by the field office in each and every case on its own merits. You will note that the Bureau desires some showing of past or present activity or expressed sympathy on the part of such an individual indicating affiliation or agreement with the ideology of the Communist Party or similar groups.

(9) In conclusion, it is noted that you generally have followed the broad outline of Bureau requirements for the arrangement of your Communist Index. You have, however, developed certain specific items to somewhat of a greater detail than the basic requirements. The Bureau appreciates that your office has one of the largest concentrations of Communists and as such has the second largest number of Security Index cards as well as Communist Index cards which factor can mean that special attention is necessary in your administrative handling of the Communist Index. However, the Bureau does desire that you at all times attempt to maintain your Communist Index in a manner as simple as possible in conformity with present instructions.

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Director, FBI

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There is attached hereto a complete list of Security Index card subjects in your office as reflected by the Bureau's IBM statistics as of October 31, 1949. You will note the list is alphabetically arranged reflecting the sex, organizational affiliation or nationalistic tendency, Detcom and Comsab tabbings, and the date of birth of each subject.

You are instructed to immediately have this list checked against your Security Index for the following items:

The individuals listed therein: **(1)**

If any discrepancy is found as to the individuals listed on the Durecu's list and your Index, it is desired that you handle the discrepancy as follows:

(a) Recont cancellations:

Horely mark on the list to the left side of the name a small "c. "

(b) Rocent additions:

Any individuels that have been included since the preparation of this list should be set forth on a separate sheet of paper prepared in the manner of the attached listings.

(c) Discrepancies that do not appear to result from a recent concellation or additions:

If any discrepancy of this nature is found, a separate memorendula should be prevared on each case, chitioned for the individual case file. "The peror indum to the Durenu should be attached to the list.

Things set forth concorning each individual:

(b) Sox. If the sex of the subjection to be erroneously set forth the error may be designated by nerely encircling with a red pencil.

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(b) Organizational affiliation or nationalistic tendency:

If this information appears to be orroneous, the error should be noted by encircling with a red pencil the organizational affiliation and indicate the correct organizational affiliation or nationalistic tendency.

. (c) Detcom and Comeeb tabbings:

The Detcom subjects are indicated by the letters "DC" and the Comsab subjects are indicated by the letters "CS." All the Comsab subjects are also automatically tabled by the Bureau as Detcom subjects. If a discrepancy is noted in these tabbings, a Form FD-122 should be prepared, captioned in the individual case, and the memorandum attached to this list.

(d) Birth data:

If a discrepancy is found in the birth data, a Form FD-122 should be prepared, captioned in the individual case, and attached to this list.

This matter must be handled immediately and the list, together with any attachments made by you, returned to the Eureau by Lovember 28. 1949. This list and any attachments should be returned by registered mail, return receipt requested.

Director, FBI (100-358086)

COMMUNIST INDEX

Re SAC Letter 56-56 (L) dated October 30, 1956, containing instructions with regard to the reconstruction of the Communist Index.

In the past, field office files have been stamped "CI" on the front cover to designate those subjects of main case files on whom Communist Index cards existed. In order that file covers can definitely reflect those cases in which a Communist Index card is prepared under existing instructions set out in referenced SAC Letter, you should arrange to have the main case files stamped with the letters "RCI."

Stamps for this purpose should be purchased

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2 - New Orleans
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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-358086)

DATE: 12/3/56

SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-54787)

COMMUNIST INDEX

Re SAC Letter 56=56 (L-C) 10/30/56.

In compliance with instructions, the Los Angeles Office is currently reviewing all security cases opened and subsequently closed without the subject's name being included in the Security Index since 4/15/55, and individuals meeting the criteria set forth in relet are being included in the Communist Index of this office.

Eighteen percent (18%) of these case reviews were completed by 11/30/56. It is anticipated that this project will be completed on or about 1/30/57. You will be kept advised of the progress of this office in this project.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-358086)

DATE:

12/31/56

FROM:

SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-54787)

SUBJECT:

COMMUNIST INDEX

Re SAC Letter 56-56 (L-C) 10/30/56 and mylet 12/3/56.

Pursuant to instructions in referenced SAC Letter, the review of pertinent security cases is continuing in Los Angeles.

Seventy-six percent (76%) of these reviews were completed on 12/31/56. It is expected that this matter will be completed on or about 1/30/57. You will be kept advised of the progress made by this office in this project.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-358086)

DATE: 1/30/57

FROM:

O SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-54787)

COMMUNIST INDEX

Re SAC Letter 56-56 (L-C) 10/30/56 and Bureau letter to Albany 11/30/56.

The Los Angeles Office has completed the review of all security cases opened and subsequently closed without the subject's name being included on the Security Index since 4/15/55.

RCI cards are being prepared and filed. You will be advised upon completion of this Index.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-358086)

DATE:

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FROM

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-54787)

SUBJECT:

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Re SAC Letter 56-56 and mylet dated 1/30/57.

The Los Angeles Office has completed the preparation of Revised Communist Index (RCI) cards on those individuals who qualify for inclusion in this index following a review of those cases opened and subsequently closed without the subject's name being included in the Security Index since 4/15/55. These index cards are now filed alphabetically in the RCI and the file covers of the cases involved have been appropriately stamped. The old CI cards are being destroyed.

It is noted that the Manual of Instructions, Section 87D 7a(4), is specific as to the minimum requirements concerning the content of each RCI card. Particular reference is made to the requirement that each RCI card must contain information concerning membership and position or association in the subversive group or groups, together with the source and date of the information. This data is set forth on those RCI cards which were prepared as a result of the file review suggested in SAC Letter 56-56. However, this information is not set forth on those RCI cards which were formerly cancelled Security Index cards. As of 2/20/57 the Los Angeles Office had 1,872 RCI cards falling in this category.

In accordance with the above instructions, the Los Angeles Office will review those cases involving cancelled SI cards in order to obtain the required data and transcribe it on these cards. The Bureau will be kept advised of the progress made by this office.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-358086) DATE: 6/7/57

FROM:

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COMMUNIST INDEX

Re SAC Letter 56-56 and my letter dated 2/21/57.

The Los Angeles Office has completed the review of the 1,872 cases involving subjects cancelled from the Security Index. These cancelled Security Index cards are being maintained in the Revised Communist Index of this office. Information concerning membership, position or association of the cancelled Security Index subject in the subversive group or groups has been compiled and presently is in the process of being transcribed on these 1,872 cancelled Security Index cards, in accordance with Bureau instructions.

The Bureau will be advised of the progress made by this office in transcribing the necessary information on these cards. RECORDED - 24 191

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COMMUNIST INDEX

Re SAC letter 56-56 and mylet 6/7/57.

As of 7/31/57 the Los Angeles Revised Communist Index was composed of 1,911 cancelled Security Index cards in addition to 118 RCI cards on other individuals. All of the cases on RCI subjects have been reviewed, and information concerning their membership, position and association in subversive groups has been transcribed on these cards. In accordance with Bureau instructions, those cards which formed the old Communist Index have been destroyed.

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DATE: 1/14/59

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-54787)

SUBJECT:

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ReBulet to Albany 10/2/58.

In accordance with Bureau instructions, set forth below are the statistics in connection with the re-examination of the Communist Index of the Los Angeles Office as of 1/14/59:

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3	1)	Number on CI at beginning of program	2,272
	. ,	a) Number added to CI during period Total:	86 2,358
	2)	Number on CI to date	2,249
		a) Number reviewed and retained on CI during period 131	
ı	3),	Number removed from CI during period	109
	4)	Number of informants or potential informants developed	0
	5)	Number of subjects placed on the SI as a result of this program	° 7
	6)	Number of espionage cases opened	0/31/
	7)	Number of subjects found to be employed at key facilities or by classified contractors	6)
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DATE: 4/14/59

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ReBulet to Albany 10/2/58 and mylet 1/14/59.

In accordance with Bureau instructions, set forth below are the statistics in connection with the re-examination of the Communist Index of the Los Angeles Office for the period 1/15/59 to 4/14/59:

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l)	Number on CI at beginning of program	2,272
•	a) Number added to CI since beginning of program Total:	198 2,470
2)	Number on CI to date	2,011
	a) Number reviewed and retained on CI during period 391	ı
3) 4	Number removed from CI during period	350
4)	Number of informants or potential informants developed	i O _
5)	Number of subjects placed on the SI as a result of this program	0
6)	Number of espionage cases opened	.0
7)	Number of subjects found to be employed at key facilities or by classified contractors	0
8)	Number of instances where this program turned up subjects with delicate or sensitive employm	ent /

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-358086)

DATE: 7/14/59

ME FROM :

SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-54787)

SUBJECT:

SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS COMMUNIST INDEX

INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ReBulet to Albany 10/2/58 and mylet 4/14/59.

In accordance with Bureau instructions, set forth below are the statistics in connection with the re-examination of the Communist Index of the Los Angeles Office for the period 4/15/59 to 7/14/59:

riou	4/15/59 to 1/14/59:	
1)	Number on CI at beginning of program	2,272
	a) Number added to CI since beginning of program Total:	308 2,580
2)	Number on CI to date	1,868
	a) Number reviewed and retained on CI during period 474	
3)	Number removed from CI during period	253
4)	Number of informants or potential informants developed	0
5)	Number of subjects placed on the SI as a result of this program	2
6)	Number of espionage cases opened	1 0
7)	Number of subjects found to be employed	

7) Number of subjects found to be employed at key facilities or by classified contractors

8) Number of instances where this program turned up subjects with delicate or sensitive employment or relationships requiring additional dissemination in line with FBI's over-all security responsibilities.

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ReBulet to Albany 10/2/58 and mylet 7/14/59.

In accordance with Bureau instructions, set forth below are the statistics in connection with the re-examination of the Communist Index of the Los Angeles Office for the period 7/15/59 to 10/15/59. Also included are the final tabulations for this program in the Los Angeles Office:

			Total for Program
1)	Number on CI at beginning of program	2,272	4
	a) Number added to CI since begin- ning of program Total:	425 2,697	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
2)	Number on CI to date	1,726	
	a) Number reviewed and retained on CI during period	305	1,301
3)	Number removed from CI during period	249	961
4)	Number of informants or potential informants developed		· /
5)	Number of subjects placed on SI as a result of this program		84 re:LA rds
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8) Number of instances where this program turned up subjects with delicate or sensitive employment or relationships requiring additional dissemination in line with FBI's over-all security responsibilities

There are ten cases outstanding in the Los Angeles Office where investigation is being conducted to locate subjects which are in different field divisions or where Bureau authorization has been requested to interview.

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A review of relet reflects that under item 5, number of subjects placed on SI as a result of the Communist Index Program, the number should be 4 in lieu of 2. LA copy corrected; Bureau is requested to change SAC W. W. BURKE W. BURKE ALL See reverse side Office LOS ANGELES

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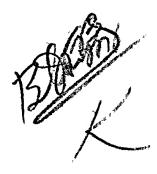
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ReBulet to Albany 10/2/58 and mylet 10/16/59.

As set forth in relet 10/16/59, the Los Angeles Office at that time had ten cases pending under the Communist Index Review Program. This is to advise that three of the above-mentioned ten cases remain pending and leads are outstanding in other offices to locate these individuals. The remaining seven cases have been handled under the review program. One was retained on the Communist Index and six have been removed.

The Bureau will be advised of the status of the remaining three cases on receipt of information from auxiliary offices.





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Remylet 11/13/59.

The cases on each Communist Index subject of the Los Angeles Office have been reviewed and handled under the Communist Index Review Program. Set forth below are the complete tabulations obtained as a result of this program:

			Total for Program
	1)	Number on CI at beginning of program	2,272
		a) Number added to CI since begin- ning of program Total:	586 2,858
	2)	Number on CI to date	1,888
		a) Number reviewed and retained on CI during program	1,302
	3)	Number removed from CI during program	970
	4)	Number of informants or potential informants developed	0
3	5)	Number of subjects placed on SI as a result of this program	4
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'	7)	Number of subjects found to be employed at key facilities or by classified contractors	ed 45
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